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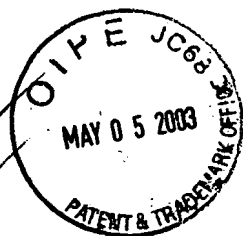
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Smith et al.

Application No: 09/747,660

Filed: December 22, 2000

For: WAFER BACKSIDE PLATE FOR USE IN A SPIN,  
RINSE, AND DRY MODULE AND METHODS FOR  
MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING THE SAME

Attorney Docket No: LAM2P216

Examiner: G. Winter

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Communication in Response to Office Action, an Amendment, and a Marked-Up Specification and Claims document in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After <u>Amendment</u>	Highest Previously <u>Paid For</u>	Present <u>Extra</u>	<u>SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE</u>	OR	<u>LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>15</u> -	<u>30</u>	<u>00</u>	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>03</u> -	<u>07</u>	<u>00</u>	X42 = \$	OR	X84 = \$
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$140		\$280

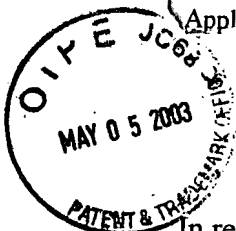
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- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P216). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, dated November 6, 2002. The period for response extends to March 6, 2003, with a one-month extension of time. This Amendment is also being submitted in response to the Office Action, dated April 2, 2003. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 33, paragraph 3, lines 22-24 and page 34, paragraph 1, lines 1-6:

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Having the description of the chuck assembly in mind, Figure 14 is a cross-sectional view of a chuck assembly 1400 in a closed position and having a backside plate in a